

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## MEDIA ADVISORY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SENT: March 20, 2009** 

What:

Operation "Safe Nights" Juvenile Curfew Sweep in

Southeastern Division

When:

Friday, March 20, 2009, between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Where:

San Diego Police Department Southeastern Division Communities

Contact:

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On Friday, March 20, 2009, San Diego Police Department Southeastern Division officers, along with other agencies, will conduct a juvenile curfew sweep. The goal of the sweep is to reduce gang violence by exhibiting a positive police presence in communities where gang violence has occurred.

This sweep will attempt to address the issue of juveniles in violation of the curfew laws – and by extension, prevent them from committing crimes or becoming the victims of crimes.

A juvenile processing center will be set up at Walter J. Porter Elementary (North) located at 445 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Parents will have the opportunity to pick up their children at this location, if necessary.

Media are invited to Porter Elementary beginning at 10 p.m. Please keep in mind that the target of this sweep is juveniles and their faces cannot be broadcast on television or published on internet news sites.

Information on the curfew law can be found at the following link: <a href="http://www.sandiego.gov/police/about/juvlaw.shtml">http://www.sandiego.gov/police/about/juvlaw.shtml</a>.

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